

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview, and for the Office Action's prior indication that the present application contains allowable subject matter.

During the interview, the substance of claims 1, 7 and 11 were discussed in view of the Takemura reference (JP 11088672) and the Frederick reference (Frederick M. Weinhaus, Venkat Devarajan "Texture mapping 3D models of real-world scenes", December 1997, ACM Computing Surveys (CSUR), Vol. 29, Issue 4). Agreement was reached that claim 7 was distinguishable over these references without amendment, and this claim has been rewritten into independent form.

Agreement was also reached that claim 11 would distinguish over these references if amended as indicated above, and that claim 1 would be distinguishable if amended to recite that both the image data and the additional visual effect information were received from the device of the second user, and that the displaying occurs at the user equipment.

Applicant also submits that the remaining claims have been amended in a manner that is not inconsistent with the discussion and agreement reached during the interview, and that these amended claims are also distinguishable over the applied references.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, the pending claims are believed to distinguish over the applied references. If, however, the Examiner feels that additional discussion and/or amendment would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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